Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claim 1 and 12-14 are amended.

Claims 18-20 are new.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An optical disk as a read-only optical disk comprising an optical disk substrate of a predetermined thickness having a light incidence surface on one face, in which at least a pit information surface and a protective layer are formed in this order on a side of the other face opposed to the light incidence surface,

wherein the protective layer is formed of an ultraviolet curable resin coated with a silicone oil, and

the protective layer is <u>either</u> a protective layer suited for a floating-type magnetic head used for a magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk or a protective layer suited for a sliding-type magnetic head used for the magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk.

2. (Previously Presented) An optical disk as a read-only optical disk comprising an optical disk substrate of a predetermined thickness having a light incidence surface on one face, in which at least a pit information surface, a printing layer, and a protective layer are formed in this order on a side of the other face opposed to the light incidence surface,

wherein the protective layer is formed of an ultraviolet curable resin coated with a silicone oil, and

the protective layer is a protective layer suited for a floating-type magnetic head used for a magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk or a protective layer suited for a sliding-type magnetic head used for the magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk.

3. (Previously Presented) An optical disk as a partially recorded optical disk comprising an optical disk substrate of a predetermined thickness having a light incidence surface on one face, in which at least a layer, divided into a pit information surface region and a magneto-optical recording surface region, and a protective layer are formed in this order on a side of the other face opposed to the light incidence surface,

wherein the protective layer is formed of an ultraviolet curable resin coated with a silicone oil, and

the protective layer is a protective layer suited for a floating-type magnetic head used for a magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk or a protective layer suited for a sliding-type magnetic head used for the magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk.

4. (Previously Presented) An optical disk as a partially recorded optical disk comprising an optical disk substrate of a predetermined thickness having a light incidence surface on one face, in which at least a layer, divided into a pit information surface region and a magneto-optical recording surface region, a printing layer, and a protective layer are formed in this order on a side of the other face opposed to the light incidence surface,

wherein the protective layer is formed of an ultraviolet curable resin coated with a silicone oil, and

the protective layer is a protective layer suited for a floating-type magnetic head used for a magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk or a protective layer suited for a sliding-type magnetic head used for the magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk.

- 5. (Original) The optical disk according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the optical disk allows recording and/or reproduction to be performed by an optical disk device so that compatibility with the magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk is attained.
- 6. (Original) The optical disk according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the optical disk is housed in an optical disk cartridge having an opening formed so that the light incidence surface and the surface of the protective layer are exposed.
- 7. (Canceled)
- 8. (Original) The optical disk according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the protective layer of the read-only optical disk is formed of an ultraviolet curable resin coated with a silicone oil having a viscosity lower than that of a silicone oil used for a protective layer of the magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk.
- 9. (Original) The optical disk according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein identification data regarding the protective layer is recorded on the optical disk.
- 10. (Original) The optical disk according to claim 6, wherein identification data regarding the protective layer is recorded on the optical disk cartridge.

11. (Previously Presented) A magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk comprising an optical disk substrate of a predetermined thickness having a light incidence surface on one face, in which at least a magneto-optical recording surface, a printing layer, and a protective layer are formed in this order on a side of the other face opposed to the light incidence surface,

wherein the protective layer is a protective layer suited for a floating-type magnetic head or a protective layer suited for a sliding-type magnetic head.

12. (Currently Amended) An optical disk device comprising a floating-type or a sliding-type magnetic head and an optical head, the optical disk device allowing recording and/or reproduction with respect to a magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk,

wherein recording and/or reproduction with respect to the <u>read-only</u> optical disk according to any of claims 1 to [[4]]2 are (is) performed so that compatibility with the magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk is attained.

13. (Currently Amended) An optical disk device comprising a floating-type or a sliding-type magnetic head and an optical head, the optical disk device performing recording and/or reproduction with respect to a magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk and the read-only optical disk according to any of claims 1 to [[4]]2.

wherein the magnetic head is retracted when mounting the magneto-optical disk and the read-only optical disk, and

the magnetic head is allowed to slide or float when performing recording and reproduction with respect to the magneto-optical disk and the <u>read-only</u> optical disk.

14. (Currently Amended) An optical disk device comprising a floating-type or a sliding-type magnetic head and an optical head, the optical disk device performing recording and/or reproduction with respect to a magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk and the <u>read-only</u> optical disk according to any of claims 1 to [[4]]2,

wherein the magnetic head is retracted when mounting the magneto-optical disk and the <u>read-only</u> optical disk,

the magnetic head is separated from the magneto-optical disk when performing reproduction with respect to the magneto-optical disk, and

the magnetic head is allowed to slide or float when performing recording with respect to the magneto-optical disk and recording and reproduction with respect to the <u>read-only</u> optical disk.

15-17. (Canceled)

18. (New) An optical disk comprising a floating-type or a sliding-type magnetic head and an optical head, the optical disk device allowing recording and/or reproduction with respect to a magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk,

wherein recording and/or reproduction with respect to the partially recorded optical disk according to any of claims 3 to 4 are (is) performed so that compatibility with the magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk is attained.

19. (New) An optical disk device comprising a floating-type or a sliding-type magnetic head and an optical head, the optical disk device performing recording and/or reproduction with respect to a magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk and the partially recorded optical disk according to any of claims 3 to 4,

wherein the magnetic head is retracted when mounting the magneto-optical disk and the partially recorded optical disk, and

the magnetic head is allowed to slide or float when performing recording and reproduction with respect to the magneto-optical disk and the partially recorded optical disk.

20. (New) An optical disk device comprising a floating-type or a sliding-type magnetic head and an optical head, the optical disk device performing recording and/or reproduction with respect to a magnetic field modulation type magneto-optical disk and the partially recorded optical disk according to any of claims 3 to 4,

wherein the magnetic head is retracted when mounting the magneto-optical disk and the partially recorded optical disk,

the magnetic head is separated from the magneto-optical disk when performing reproduction with respect to the magneto-optical disk, and

the magnetic head is allowed to slide or float when performing recording with respect to the magneto-optical disk and recording and reproduction with respect to the partially recorded optical disk.